

FY03 Report of Accomplishments

Kitsap Conservation District



Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 - Summary

- The District developed 63 BMP designs in FY03 and was responsible for the implementation of 81 water quality BMPs.
- The District resolved 35 complaints and violation referrals from regulatory agencies using cooperative approaches that protect surface water from contamination.



Mission of the Kitsap Conservation District

- The Kitsap Conservation District commits itself to:
 - Guiding Conservation Without Regulation
 - Educating By Demonstration
 - Forming Partnerships to Accomplish More

Water Quality Implementation

- Water Quality Implementation funds accounted for:
 - 24 signed and approved cost share incentive program applications.
 - \$27,856 in cost share reimbursements to 15 Kitsap County small farmers.
 - 5,876 feet of livestock exclusion fencing
 - 6 waste storage structures, 380ft of underground outlets, 385ft of livestock crossings among others
 - Funding support for 8 BMP designs by the Olympic Cluster engineer

Basic Funding

- Support funding for District efforts to annex cities into District boundaries in order to offer services to all county residents and, in turn, making all residents eligible to vote in District elections.
- Funds used for development of District Annual Meeting and Cooperator of the Year award ceremony.
- Used, in part, for Elections, WACD meetings and for NACD dues

Local Funding

- The District ILA partnership in the Kitsap County Surface and Storm Water Management (SSWM) Program provides critical matching funds for leveraging grant opportunities.
 - 16 grant applications, 11 grant awards totaling \$492,760
- SSWM funds enable KCD to respond to all requests for assistance in unincorporated Kitsap County
 - 345 site visits with landowners, 22 agency referral response site visits
- Accomplishments utilizing the local funding:
 - 22 Farm Plans
 - 53 BMP designs, 56 BMP implementations, 24 follow-up O&M.

Puget Sound/Water Quality

- This funding is instrumental to the success of the District's Education and Outreach Program.
 - KCD newsletters, county fair booth, ag events, annual tree sale fund raiser, presentations
- KCD Native Plant Salvage Program maintenance, event and workshop activities.
- Accomplishments: 5 riparian restoration plans on 25 acres and 3 ag BMP designs

Professional Engineering

- Our cluster engineer provides BMP designs for designated projects on small farms in Kitsap County.
- In FY03 the Olympic Cluster engineer provided the following design services to Kitsap CD:
 - 3 livestock waste storage structures and 4 waste storage structure roof designs
 - 3 stream bank stabilization design and 1 spring development project
 - 1 culvert replacement design and 3 livestock bridge crossings

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- Kitsap has secured 2 CREP contracts representing 14.6 acres and 6,982 feet of salmon stream.
- Accomplishments in FY03:
 - One new landowner contract – Steelman/Union River – 9.6 ac and 4,705ft of stream.
 - Maintenance activities on other contract – Minder/Crouch Ck – 5 ac and 2,277ft of stream.

Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- Kitsap CD received a CCWF Grant for small farm work in 9 new small watersheds identified by the Kitsap County Health District in their *Most Polluted Steams* assessment.
- Subcontract from the Kitsap County Health District for Yukon Harbor Watershed (shellfish closure area) under a CCWF grant.
- Accomplishments:
 - Ag inventories completed for Grovers Ck watershed and initiated in the Yukon Harbor watershed.
 - Design completed for bank stabilization on a property on Clear Creek and on Minter Creek.
 - Invasive species removal and replanting efforts on Clear Creek and Grovers Creek
 - Fish Stream improvements on 4,865 feet
 - Tree & shrub plantings on 10.3 acres and critical area plantings on 1.25 acres.
 - District actively participates on DOH Burley Lagoon Shellfish Closure Team

Small Farm Programs

- All funding sources support the District's fundamental Small Farm Program elements: Inventory, Farm Planning, BMP design, BMP Implementation, O&M, Referrals and Education.
- Accomplishments (comprehensive totals from all funding sources):
 - New Ag inventories and GIS mapping for Grovers Creek
 - 22 Farm Plans completed
 - 63 BMP designs and 81 BMP's implemented
 - Fencing – 11,342
 - Waste Storage Structures – 24
 - Roof Runoff Systems – 5
 - Underground Outlets & Pipelines – 1,681 feet
 - Diversions – 923 feet
 - Pasture Plantings – 14 acres
 - Tree & Shrub Plantings – 10.3 acres
 - Cover Crops – 6.5 acres
 - Animal Trails & Walkways – 74 feet
 - Heavy Use Area Protection – 1.10 acres (avg.size of area is 0.1 acres)

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- 5 landowners were assisted through the County's Open Space Tax Exemption Program application.
- Facilitated 29 State cost share applications and 9 Federal incentive program applications
- Reimbursed \$43,376 through the State cost share program and \$12,923 through Federal programs
- A total of \$3,000 worth of trees and shrubs sold to City of Bainbridge Island
- 200 hours of donated time from friends of the District
- Support services to Chums of Barker Creek for streamside acquisitions as part of a SRFB grant.
- Cutthroats of Carpenter Creek urban education meetings, Stillwaters EcoFest and several school events to promote healthy environments.
- Representation and participation in Kitsap County Agricultural Zoning Ordinance revisions

Information & Education

- Information & Education events are funded by SSWM Program funds and our Puget Sound Grant.
- Accomplishments: 8 Public Events and 13 Workshops/Educational Events sponsored:
 - 40,550 Trees and Shrubs distributed via Kitsap CD Annual Tree Sale and Conservation Fair
 - District newsletters published in August 2002 and January 2003. Circulation 5,800.
 - District informational Web site maintenance – www.kitsapcd.org
 - Manure Exchange Hotline
 - Easy BMPs
 - Current Events

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